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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Gage et al.  
Serial No. : 10/800,361  
Filed : March 11, 2004  
Title : METHOD FOR DETERMINING ION CHANNEL ACTIVITY OF A  
SUBSTANCE

Art Unit : 1648  
Examiner : Louise Humphrey

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Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 5, 2006

This Amendment in Reply to a Final Office Action is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed January 5, 2006 ("the Office Action") for the above-referenced application. The Examiner set a shortened three (3) month period for reply to this Final Office Action. Pursuant to MPEP 706.07(f), Applicants note that this first reply is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action. Because the two-month date, March 5, 2006, falls on a Sunday, this response is being timely filed on Monday, March 6, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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